GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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GAS PIPELINE FROM IRAN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister had talks with the Pakistan President in New York in September about the long pending proposal of Iran - India gas pipeline through Pakistan;

(b) whether the Minister had discussed the same issue with the visiting Pak Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz in New Delhi, recently;

(c) whether India could explore the LNG from Iran through Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof including the price Iran has fixed with transit expenses?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

(c): Options to import natural gas from Iran through pipeline and as LNG are open.

(d): The proposal is at a preliminary stage. Commercial terms and price details have not been worked out.